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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service {Lead}
Director, Minerals Management Service
Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
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Subject: Review of Proposed Rulemaking for Fisheries of the Northeastern United States;
Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish; 2004 Initial Specifications
(**ER03/960**) (Agency due date: December 15, 2003)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has published the subject proposed rule in the *Federal Register* dated November 14, 2003. You may access the proposed rulemaking on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont03.html.

Please review the proposed rulemaking from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide your comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, in Hadley, Massachusetts by December 8, 2003.

The Regional Director, FWS, will prepare and sign any Departmental comment so as to arrive at NMFS in Gloucester, Massachusetts by December 15, 2003.

Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to the RD, FWS.

/s/ 11/18/03
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